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OR,

The five mad Shavers of *Drury-Lane*; Strangely Acted, and truely Related.

Done in the Period, latter end, Tayle, or Rumpe of the Dogged Dogge-dayes, last past, *Augu*ſt. 1638.

Together with the names of the ſeverall parties which were Actors in this foule buſineſſe.

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WIthin the large Circumference of this great Theater, and Stage of the World, all people, Kingdomes, and Nations, Males or Females, of all ages and degrees, are Actors of such parts as they have studied, either from the Rules and Inspirations of *Vertue*, or from their owne inclinations, and Sathans suggestions to *Vice*. And the Devill well knowing our fraile and weake conditions and instability, doth

every day and houre (like a cunning *Iugler* or a *Gipsy*) deuise new Tumb-
ling cast and sleight of Actiuity to allu-
and delight the minds of as many as h-
findes to be addicted to take pleasure i-
his *Leigerdemaine*: Hee gives a fal-
sweete fawning stillish to the Drun-
kards Cup, he fats the Glutton again-
the day of slaughter, he tips the Blas-
pheamers tongue with Oathes and Cur-
ses, he whets the Slanderers and back-
biters speech, and makes it keene and
cutting; hee teaches the rare and anci-
ent Art of lying, (and hath an innu-
merable number of apt a-
Schollers) hee turnes ang-
venge; Revenge into Murd-
to Iniury; Truth into Theft, Lov-
into Iealousie, Iealousie into hatred
and madnesse; and (in a word) to
summe up all together, the Deuill dot-
labour dayly, and all his endeavour t-
wholly bent to make worke for th-
Hangman, and draw soules to his In-
fernall Kingdome.

And amongst all the ricks and
sleight

ſleights which this Grand cunning Maſter of miſchiefe doth uſe, to bring us to deſtruction withall, there is no one policy of his that is more prevalent and advantagious to him, than is the ſowing of diſcord and debate betwixt Man and Wife; and although he hath a thouſand innumerable wayes for the effecting of his damnable projects and purpoſes, yet Jealouſie is the chiefe and maine Engine to bring it ſo to paſſe, that modeſty ſhall be turn'd into madneſſe, peace into ſtrife, and love into hatred and miſchiefe, as ſhall be ſhewed in this ſhort following Treatiſe.

About the latter end of *Auguſt* laſt, 1638. this hellish fire of Jealouſie did moſt ſtrangely inflame five Women, whom my Pen ſhould not name, nor ſhould they be knowne by any writing of mine, but that they and their mad and barbarous proceedings are too much true, and too many wayes ſcattred and ſpread abroad by ſundry Pens and Tongues, ſome of them making the matter that was (and is) bad e-

nough already, worſe; ſome min-
cing it, to make it better; ſome for af-
fection, ſome for malice, ſome for flat-
tery, and ſome as their idle and vari-
ous humours pleaſe, doe report it as
they liſt to frame it, not caring whe-
ther they ſpeake or write truth or falſe-
hood. The matter hath beene Rim'd
upon beyond Reaſon, and therefore I
hold it Reaſon it ſhould be related with
truth, and thus it was.

At the time, or neare the time afore-
ſaid, one Maſter *Evans*, a Barber in
Drury-lane, did chance to meete with
one *Joane Ilſley* in the Streete, and be-
like the woman had formerly kept the
ſaid *Evans* his wife when ſhee lay in
Child-bed, in which ſeaſon (of Gan-
der-month or Wander-month) per-
haps the ſuſpicious woman began to
be a little inkindled with the ſparkles
of jealouſie: but ſuſpicion is no proofe;
but *Evans* afterwards, when hee by
chance once met the woman, offered
her a Pint of Wine, which after ſome
denyall was at laſt accepted: So in they

went to a Taverne (the Signe of the *Phœnix*) neare the lower end of *Drury-lane*, behind, or on the back-side of the *Bell*, which is an Inne and a Taverne in the Easterne part of the *Strand*: But they being over their one Pint, in a low Roome, and a Drawer standing at the Tables end, the one sitting on one side of the Boord, and the other on the other side, so that there neither was nor could bee any immodesty said or done at that time: but some busie-body or other went and told *Evans* his wife, that her Husband was at the Taverne drinking with *Joane Ilsley*, whereupon she went in a heate to the *Phœnix*, and found them there, upon whom shee bestowed such hot and hasty language as her tongue could afford, which made them breake company, (some of the words were, she told the said *Joane* that she was naught with her Husband) But some few dales after, Mistris *Evans* (being still jealously angry) did breake her minde to some women, her neighbours, and withall made a shew to

Joane

Joane that her anger was past againſt her, ſo that agreement was made, tha a Pigge ſhould be eaten at Miſtris *E vans* her houſe at night, and that in faire ſeeming way *Joane Ilſly* ſhould b ſent for as a loving gueſt invited to the Pigge.

At the time appointed the Pigge wa roaſted, and the women diſſembled were aſſembled, and ſimple *Joane* wa ſent for, who (poore wench) not ſuſ pecting the ſharpneſſe or ſowerneſſe o the Feaſt, ſuſpecting nothing, went t them, and being come amongſt them they ſeemed very friendly and courte ouſly to entertaine and bid her wel come: to whom Miſtris *Evans* ſaid, prethee *Joane*, thou art well acquain ted with my houſe, goe up into the upper Chamber, and fetch downe ſome ſtooles for us to ſit on, ſo inno cent *Joane* went quickly up the ſtaire for ſtooles, and preſently there fol lowed her three of the five Women, to wit, *Evans* Wife, one *Cox* his Wife and one *Faſters* Wife; theſe three had

with them a penny-worth of Birchin Rods, after whom followed the other two, to wit, one *Smith* wife a Broker, & one Miſtris *Lee* a widdow, then they beganne to revile her in moſt ſtrange manner, and withall to lay hands on her, to pluck her cloathes violently off from her body, but ſhe reſiſted and ſtrived and ſtrugled with them as long as ſhe could, till at laſt they tore her apparell off from her, then having her naked, they beganne their execution, ſome to hold her, and ſome to whippe her, in that the ſmart, and their harſh uſage inforc'd her to beginne to cry, which they perceiving ſtopt her mouth with a clout or handkerchiefe: Then the firſt penny-worth of rods being waſted to the ſtumps, they fetch'd, & ſent for two penny-worth more, & after they had whipped them out upon her, they ſent for one penny-worth more, (ſtill ſtopping her mouth, that her crying might not be heard) Shee being thus naked, and all gore-bloo-

dy,

dy, they cald up the Garden-boy, [illegible]
bade him bring up a Bason of water, [illegible]
a Razor, which the boy did; but when
he came within the Chamber doore he
was abashed and ashamed, and there
downe the Razor and Bason, runnin
downe the staires as fast as hee could
the one of the women tooke up the
Razor, meaning to doe I know not
what with it. But Jesse being used thus
harshly by them, and in bodily feare of
some worse abuse, did strive again
them, in which scuffling shee received
cut, or wound in her backe, neare th
shoulder, with the Razor.

This extremity being past, the
Women (if I may so call them) had
much modesty as to make fast
Apron, or halfe a Kirtle before her,
ver the fore-part of her body, and
she was, being cut, whipped, and
bloody over, they haled and thru
her downe the staires, and pump'd h
at a Pumpe which was in [illegible]
backe side: after that they thrust h
int

into the ſtreete, (it being betweene ten and eleven of the Clocke at night) and from the ſtreete (at *Drury* Lane) they pull'd and ſug'ged her (with her haire about her eares) into a Court called *Rosine-Deere Court*, where at a Pumpe they held her under the ſpout, and pump'd Water upon her, and us'd her more ſhamefully than is fit to write of, ſtill ſtopping her mouth with a clout: alſo in the Yard, at the laſt Pumpe, there were two men that did abuſe her, one *Smith* was one: but ſhee ſtriving with them had her Kirtle or Apron torne off from her, ſo that ſhee had nothing to cover her [illegible] but the darkneſſe of the Night.

At laſt this buſling was overheard by an honeſt Coach-man, whoſe name is *Thomas Finch*, who marvailing what it might bee that made ſuch a ſtirre at that time of night: hee and his Wife comming to the Pumpe, finding a Woman in ſuch a pittifull plight, ſo hand-

handled by such rough and pittiles
Creatures, he (in humanity) rescued he
from them, and suddenly pluck'd o
his Horse-mans Coate, and coverd h
nakednesse: whereupon her Adver
ries (or lawlesse executioners) all fo
fooke her, and dispers'd themselves,
is no great matter whither.

The Coach-man demanded of th
poore abused creature what she was
and wherefore they had used her s
cruelly: and she answer'd, that shee wa
a poore yong Woman that did get he
living by Nursing and keeping o
Childe-bed Women, and also tha
sometimes shee did attend and kee
sicke folkes, and that she at that ti
was a Keeper or Waiter on a sick
Gentleman (a Captaine) at the signe o
the *Helmet* in the *Strand*: he asked he
further where her cloathes were, an
wherefore those women had us'd he
so? and she answer'd him, that they
had torne and rent her cloathes in pie
ces, and also that shee had five shilling

of money in one of her Pockets: wherupon the Coach-man did pitty her hard estate and usage, and withall did bring her presently home to the aforesaid Signe of the *Helmet*, where shee dwelt, and doth remaine yet to this twelfth of *October*, 1638. being much bruised and hurt, and spets blood.

Now Reader I imagine you have not heard of such a mad crew of Shavers, Whippers, and politicke Pumpers; nor doe I thinke that any Penne, or relation of tongue or History doth mention the like.

After shee had recoverd a little strength, she procured Warrants from a Justice of the Peace; which when the matter was heard and understood, they were bound all of them to answer for this outrage to the Woman, the spoiling of her, and her Apparrell, and the losse of her money; but they did put in good Baile for their appearance at the Sessions, and on the eight and twentieth of *September* they went to

West-

Westminster to save their Baile and Re
cognisence : (Quarter Sessions bein
then holden there) from which tryal
they have by a Writ of *Surserara* re
mov'd their cause up to the right ho
nourable Court of *Kings Bench*; by
as they were returning homeward
some women (belike that had heard
their desperate and unmannerly ex
ployts) as soone as they saw them pas
did raile on them, and revile them mo
stoldingly eloquent; and withall
embroydered them with dirt, whic
they cast at them, that they seeme
more like Ladies of the soyle, than wo
men of any meane degree. And th
have these five foolish women run
themselves into sixe pecks of trouble
How it will bee answered and end
time will shew, if the Reader ha
the patience to stay so long.

These are the fruits of mad-brain
Hare-braind, shallow-braind jealous
for as the Pedegree of cure (or remed
may bee thus delineated : *Itch* beg

Scrat

Scratch; *Scratch* was the Father of *Scabbe*; *Scabbe* begat *Sore*, to whom *Smart* succeeded; then *Smart* was the Father of *Paine*; *Paine* begat *Griefe*, who was the Sire of *Care*, and *Care* begat *Cure*: So *Idle thoughts* are the fathers of *Whisperings*; *Whisperings* begat *Prating*, *Babling*, *Talking*, *Lying*, *Slandering*; these Mongrels are for the most part begotten as *Gallippings*, and are the incurable Issues or Filthlaes of wicked mindes; from them *Fame* sends out *Rumour*, *Report*, and *Hearesay*; and they set *Malice*, *Backbiting*, and *Slander* on worke, who are so double diligent in their damnable devices, that they doe never cease working, till such time as they have haled Jealousie by the eares out of the Dungeon of Hell: and sure there is no *Tiger* or *Beare* when they are robbed, or bereaved of their Whelpes, so divelish mad as a jealous man or woman.

It hath beene indeed too often

 knowne

knowne that Beauty hath beene t
ruine of Chaſtity, (if grace guide a
guard it not) and as the flattery of m
may overcome the weakneſſe of w
men, ſo the wiles and ſnares of ſubt
Strumpets have intangled and ruin
too many men; for *Iole*, *Deianeira*, a
Omphale, were too hard for *Hercu*
and one of them made him lay by
Club, and fall to ſpinning with a D
ſtaffe. The Queene of Love ſubd
the god of Warre, and the ſame *Ve*
naked, did foile *Pallas*, who was arm
on Mount *Ida*: and whoſoever hee
that ſowes kiſſes on ſuch lips as
laſciviouſly manur'd with the dung
temptat on, ſhall be ſure to reape
Harveſt either of contempt, diſea
beggery, and defamation; for
world is full of examples and preſide
of many thouſand, that have rea
ſuch a crop as they have ſowne.

That man that is yoak'd with a fe
that will be jealous without cauſe; o
ly becauſe ſhe will be ſo; and for t

ſurmiſe and ſlander ſhee like a Devill doth make her houſe her Husbands continuall Hell: Surely ſuch a man is partly happy, if withall hee hath the vertue of Patience, (as wiſe *Socrates* had with his *Xantippe*) for hee that is match'd with ſuch a Fiend, hath no need to care where he goes, nor what ſociety he keeps; nor hath he reaſon to be affraid of any harme that any wicked company can doe him, for the Devill himſelfe will not hurt him that is match'd with one of his Sister. But if any ſhuttle-witted fellow, that is wedded to a chaſte and modeſt woman, and is ſo farre troubled with a wild buzzing Gad-flye in his braines, that he nothing but dreames of ſuppoſed inviſible Hornes, ſuch a kind of *Cacadæmon Coxcombe*, doth juſtly deſerve to have beene match'd to a wench whoſe heeles had beene lighter than his head, and then hee might meritoriouſly have made a Combe of a Fire-forke, and worne an Oxe-feather in his Hat with-

out wrong or injury: in a word, ther
is nothing can grieve or torment th
heart either of a good man or woma
than to finde their truth, constancy
loyalty, and honest integrity suspecte
or question'd; for let it be truel
weighed and considered, what hurt o
occasion of suspicion can be for a ma
to give a woman a part of one Pint o
wine, in an open low roome in a pub
lick Taverne? it is not to bee doubte
but such accidents doe happen dayly, a
the least a thousand, and yet for all tha
there is not one Whoore or Cuckol
the more: but when as rashnesse adde
waxen wings (like those of *Icarus*) o
indiscretion and inconsideration, an
that either the man or the woman a
mounted or soar'd aloft to the heigh
of Love-killing hell-borne jealousi
then doth the furious heate and flam
of rage melt those deceitfull and suspi
cious wings, wings whereby the je
lous party drops and tumbles down
headlong into the bottomeless Ocea

of irreperable disgrace and infamy.

The envy and inveterate hate of wicked women is almost past thought; Envy is the mistresse of injustice; it stirreth and inciteth both the thought and the hand to all ill and wicked actions: and that envy which is secret and hidden, is more to bee feared than that which is open and manifest: such was the secret malice of this Barbers wife, whose jealousie did burne a great while within her, and at length her envy did burst out into a flame, and so hath brought ruine and disgrace to her and her Husband, which is so farre distant: And if any woman be so full of wrath and revengefull as this woman is, and her associates, and especially if they know that they have power of command, or authority, they will soone bring all to destruction: for they will plot either to poyson, stob, or else some ther way make their will and passions their Law: and therefore I advise all to learne this saying, rather to be affraid

of that renowne and credit which [illegible]
dishonest and shamefull, for they abst-
ract this businesse, because they would
be talk'd on hereafter. Suppose this
Ideot had beene guilty of a fault, must
these Women be their owne reven-
gers, their owne witnesses, their owne
judges? must they have the Law in
their owne hands, thus to usurpe the
wholsome Lawes, and make hang-
of a woman in this uncill manner?
Women shall I call them? nay, rather
monsters; or else some evill spirits in
their shapes, to commit such inhumane
and unnaturall acts as these: such act-
ons they be that are past example, nay
never the like heard of, to commit
such uncivill actions, and upon their
owne Sexe, whose civill carriage should
be example to the younger sort; their
actions were such, as I said before, that
I blush to relate them, and ought not
to be divulg'd no lowder than a whis-
per: The Heathens that knew not
God would not have done the like
[illegible]

nay, the wilde beasts of the wilderneſſe would have purſu'd to death ſuch beasts as rapin'd and live upon the ſpoyle of other beasts; they themſelves puniſh, and ſhall theſe creatures have theſe acts which a Chriſtian commits, and we commit them? but their puniſhment no doubt will be inflicted upon them according to their deſerts; and my ſecond part, which I will ſhortly publiſh, ſhall ſhew their confeſſions and their puniſhments: And ſo I end this Relation, wiſhing their ſufferings may be an example to others, that none dare attempt ſuch uncivill and immodeſt actions hereafter.

FINIS.